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SUBJECT: PROPOSED BONGO MEETING WITH MULCAHY

REF: LIBREVILLE 1914

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON THEIR RETURN FROM LIBREVILLE GABON'S AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE, PIERRE MEBALEY, AND MOBUTU'S AIDE-DE-CAMP CAME TO INFORM ME THAT PRESIDENT BONGO PROPOSES TO MEET WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY AS SOON AS THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES KINSHASA SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER. I ASSURED THEM THAT MULCAHY WISHES TO TALK WITH BONGO AND ASKED THEM TO CONTACT US WHEN HE ARRIVES, WHICH IS EXPECTED DURING THE AFTERNOON. ZAIRE'S DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENCY BISENGIMANA ALSO PURSUING BILATERALS ARRANGEMENTS, HOWEVER, AND I AM NOT SURE WHAT HE MAY HAVE PLANNED AT THAT TIME. THERE'S ALSO CONFUSION ABOUT SCHEDULE OF TENTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES, ALL OF WHICH COULD IMPINGE UPON PLANS FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON MEETING. IN ANY CASE, WE'LL SEE.

2. FOR LIBREVILLE: WE'VE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR AMBASSADOR STEIGMAN AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM. GABONESE AMBASSADOR STATED HE WAS RETURNING IMMEDIATELY TO LIBREVILLE IN ORDER TO ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT BONGO AND SUITE ON SUNDAY. DURING CONVERSATION HE SHOWED ME LIST OF GABONESE DELEGATES WHO WILL BE COMING ON A "SUPER DC-8". IT OCCURS TO ME THAT AMBASSADOR STEIGMAN MIGHT HITCH RIDE ON BONGO'S PLANE. IF THIS DOESN'T

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PAN OUT, I BELIEVE AMBASSADOR STEIGMAN SHOULD PROCEED HERE

REGARDLESS, SINCE THERE'S GOOD POSSIBILITY BONGO-MULCAHY
MEETING MIGHT NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL MONDAY THE 24TH.
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